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SUBJECT: KOREA

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1. WE WERE UNABLE TO SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO DISCUSS GOC SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN
UN RESOLUTION UNTIL AUGUST 31, WHEN 6TH DEPARTMENT DIREC-
TOR ZANTOVSKY RECEIVED DCM.

2. DCM TOLD ZANTOVSKY USG FOUND CZECHOSLOVAK SUPPORT
FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION AT UN PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE
AT THIS TIME, WHEN AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED
OVER BRUTAL MURDER BY NORTH KOREAN ARMY PERSONNEL IN
THE DMZ. WASHINGTON SEES NO REASON WHY CZECHOSLOVAKIA
OR OTHERS SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA FIND IT NECESSARY
TO IMPAIR ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS WITH US
BY ASSOCIATING WITH A HIGHLY PARTISAN APPROACH
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TO A PROBLEM RELATING TO ASIA -- FAR AWAY FROM EUROPE.

3. DCM STRESSED, SECONDLY, US VIEW THAT BEST APPROACH TO SOLUTION OF TENSIONS IN KOREA IS THROUGH NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED -- AS PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS JULY 22 SPEECH AT SEATTLE. DCM STRESSED CONTINUING US DESIRE TO SOLVE EAST-WEST PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. NOTING THAT PRESIDENT HUSAK HAD REITERATED GOC SUPPORT FOR "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" IN HIS MAJOR SPEECH OF AUGUST 28 IN SLOVAKIA AND THAT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT INDRA HAD RECENTLY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR OF EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS' COMMITMENT TO "DETENTE" DURING BERLIN ECPC, DCM HOPED ALL SIDES COULD REFRAIN FROM CONFRONTATION ON KOREAN ISSUE. DCM HOPED SPECIFICALLY THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA COULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE NORTH KOREA TO TAKE THE PATH OF NEGOTIATION.

4. POINTING TO CZECHOSLOVAK MEMBERSHIP ON NEUTRAL NATIONS COMMISSION OF KOREAN ARMISTICE, DCM STATED THAT USG FOUND CZECHOSLOVAK CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE DRAFT UN RESOLUTION ON KOREA PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE.

5. ZANTOVSKY TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON OUR DEMARCHE AND PLEDGED TO FORWARD OUR VIEWS TO "RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES." SOMEWHAT LAMELY, HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA FELT OBLIGED TO SUPPORT PYONGYANG ON KOREAN ISSUE IN UN BECAUSE OF HER MEMBERSHIP IN "SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH."
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